Main Southern Road.

143. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to issue orders to widen the main southern road from the 36th to the 38th mile-stone (Villukiri to Chunkankadai approximately)?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter will be looked into.

Avenue Trees.

144. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to the Public Works Department to plant more avenue trees along the main roads and village roads than is done at present?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has been asked to prepare and submit a programme for the systematisation of the planting of new avenue trees and the maintenance of the old ones. The programme is reported to be under preparation by the Chief Engineer and is awaited. In the budget estimate of the P. W. D. for 1099, a sum of Rs. 2,500 is provided for this item (item No. 192 in the budget).

Teachers qualified in Tamil.

145. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram, will the Government be pleased to state the number of temporary and permanent vernacular school teachers qualified in Tamil appointed since the issue of the Government order requiring that only persons qualified in Tamil should be appointed for teachers' vacancies in these two taluks?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Ten, including two permanent and eight acting appointments.

Applicants qualified in Tamil for Teachers' posts.

146. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications have been received by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools for appointments as vernacular school teachers from persons qualified in Tamil since the issue of the Government order requiring that only persons qualified in Tamil should be appointed for teachers' vacancies in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram and how many of them have been appointed?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 23 applications. With reference to the latter part of the question the member's attention is invited to the answer furnished to his question No. 145.

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